January 31, 2017 WiCS Meeting

Time: 4:35 pm
Location: TASC 9402E

Attendees:

Dawn Chandler (Co-President)
Maddy S. (Co-President)
Sophie Angus (Treasurer)
Diana (Secretary)
Toria K
Bria K
Joanna C
Sumo
Samantha Y.
April W.
Angelina X.
Yejia L
Janice Regan
Parmit Chilana

1. Introductions
    a. Here's a joke:
        i. Q: How many programmers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?
        ii. A: None. That's a hardware problem.
    b. The balloonist joke
    c. The Prolog joke

2. Upd8s plz
    a. CSSS Liaison
        i. Sophia Ta, can you get us access to cmpt-students maillist?
        ii. Consumer VR convention hosted by Archiact
            1. 1 free ticket to give away at an event -> which one?
            2. Social media, event, email: discount code -> who can send?
        iii. Proposed policy change at CSSS meeting this Thursday
            1. Equal opportunity clause vs. employment equity type clause
                a. Policy regarding females in CSSS → Dawn came up with a policy - accept more females to balance out, in their exec meeting
                b. Let's discuss and see if any one opinion stands out that Sophia can present

i. Update: they haven't had a meeting , will wait to see what happens

b. Diversity Committee Liaison
   i. Next meeting next Monday, Feb 9th
c. WiE Liaison
   i. No one went to WIE meeting
   ii. Dawn invited WiE to Valentine's Day and IWD socials - not much planning, but we will involve them for Intl Women's day
   iii. And asked if they're interested in Try/CATCH Arduino workshop and/or CodeMavens
   iv. Networking Night (last Thursday)
      1. Recap
         a. Wasn't quite as big as last year, quite well attended
         b. A lot of leftover food
         c. Criticism - we let them go to the food too early → everything was late
         d. Problem: male students talking over - hard to control
         e. Want to get females networking with other females
         f. Attendance was almost 50/50 male to female ratio
         g. May have a web survey to put in gender information, we want to give females priority
         h. Suggestion to invite more guys to WICS meetings
      2. Still need to deposit the cheque from Mobify, possibly others
         a. Dawn emailed someone to do that
      3. Thoughts for next year? Business formal…
         a. One person emailed regarding business formal dress code - want to be comfortable & represent their company
         b. Students should represent school, chance to dress formally
         c. Business formal requirement could have turned some people away
         d. Some people have class, for the next time business casual could be a better option
         e. We are trying to get students to represent their school
         f. A lot of places are proud of casual dress code
         g. SAP Paralympics woman Felicia Shafiq
d. Grad Coordinator :)
   i. Yejia just left - will talk about it next time
   ii. Grad maillist
   iii. Grad social
   iv. Additional input

3. Search for Communications Coordinator
   a. Nothing yet. Send out another email?

        i. Not even one reply
        ii. Will send out another email - meeting reminders, promotions, posting on FB, Slack, etc.
    b. Dawn is getting super sick of sending out emails...
4. Veggie Lunch
    a. Tuesdays 13:00-14:00… Unless it's not working
    b. 3 people went today
    c. Promotions: Slack and Facebook day BEFORE, in a meeting reminder email
5. Mentor Lunch
    a. Apala Guha at Club Ilia, this Thursday, Feb. 2 at 11:30
    b. Update from Toria
        i. Attendees selected,still awaiting confirmation from some
        ii. 3 people on the waitlist
        iii. Asked for a quiet place in the back
        iv. Need a confirmation from Apala
6. CodeMavens
    a. Update from Maddy
        i. Maddy made a poll for 3:30-6:30 time slot
        ii. Interested people please fill the poll on Slack
        iii. First session after the reading break
    b. Potential organisers: Samantha, Yejia, Angelina
        i. Asked Lee to help out
    c. Start sessions after reading break
    d. Promotions:
        i. Cmpt-students, FAS Update, Co-op
7. Valentine's Day Social (formerly the Barely Reading Break Social)
    a. Let's have a Valentine's Day theme!!! <3
    b. We have 9204 E&W booked for Friday, Feb 10th 3:30PM-8:00PM
        i. However Diana Cukierman wants East, so we may not have a sink until 5:30PM
        ii. CSSS is hosting a board games night event on the same day at 5:30pm - 12am
        iii. They have a lot of games!
        iv. Sumo suggests: once Diana is done, we use both rooms and have our social together with CSSS
        v. Could ask CSSS to invite wics people to play games, ask for more direct involvement
        vi. Could be a joint event?
        vii. Other suggestions: bring our board games, if it picks up people will get involved
        viii. Also, there's a gaming hackathon at BCIT on the same day, so not too many CSSS people will show up
        ix. Action item: approach & discuss with CSSS

x. Maddy will talk to someone
xi. Need to put out advertising for the event → it's next Friday

c. Brainstorming & Assigning Activities
    i. Karaoke?
    ii. Movie?
        1. Sumo can bring speakers
        2. Start at 5:30
        3. Sumo proposed to watch Finding Dory
        4. Valentine's day themed? Computer science themed?
        5. Some suggestions: Her (too sad), Sleepless in Seattle, Hidden Figures (not available yet), Amazing Spider Man?, The Net
        6. Propose some movies on Slack
    iii. Twister, board games, party games (Angelina, Sophie, Dawn, Sumo)
        1. Settlers of Catan, chess, North american ticket to ride, Sushi game, Twister, Scrabble, Apples to apples, cards
    iv. Food (i.e. chocolate)
        1. Sumo volunteers to bring cupcakes
        2. Pizza + drinks + snacks
        3. Want to get food separately from CSSS, as they might get food later at night
    v. Card- and/or craft-making
        1. We can do cupcake decorating, just need to bring frosting, sprinkles
        2. Art
    vi. Budget: up to $150
        1. 4 execs voted for

8. International Women's Day (Wednesday, March 8)
    a. Dawn and Maddy have invited Greg Mori
        i. Didn't get a reply yet
    b. TASCI 9204 Tuesday, March 7, 3:00PM-6:30PM
    c. Suggestion to invite new dean
    d. Activities:
        i. Cupcakes (sumo)
9. WWEST Funding Update
    a. Bria's proposal: 12 kits of Arduino starter kits at $150 each (=$1800)
        i. Let WIE organize that workshop?
    b. Danniele wants to have a meeting, but email okay => who can send?
        i. Bria can email Danniele
10. Try/CATCH
    a. Need to send out email (intro, roles, poll) and put in meeting reminder
    b. Tentative date: Saturday, May 13 (after first week of Summer classes)

i. Might be able to do Saturday, May 20 for Yunduz
ii. Can book parts of CSIL over semester break

c. Finally ask CS for funding
d. Ask Co-op, FAS, CS, WWEST for swag
e. Need a lot of volunteers
f. Planning to do jointly, want to split the work with WIE
g. Need to have someone from WIE on senior organizing committee
h. How about non WICS , non WIE members?
    i. Male volunteers in the past
    ii. Chance for women to get experience in leadership, so we should stay female focused

11. airG Tour
    a. It's happening!
        i. "I chatted with our team and it looks like Thursday, Feb 16th will work for us! We were thinking to have the event start at 4:30pm. I'm still working out the logistics, but we will have snack/drinks as well as female tech team members to mix and mingle with the attendees. We can also arrange for a tour of the office space." - Jane, airG
        ii. "- How many students can go? Can only WiCS members go?" - Dawn
        iii. "Yes, she mentioned preferable wics member and students interested in coop or full-time soon, her first preference was women and then men in engineering." - Aakriti
        iv. Guessing they want people in CS and then engineering?
    b. To-do:
        i. Create an RSVP WebSurvey
        ii. Email wics-members to advertise
        iii. Send a reminder email
        iv. Organise meeting beforehand?
            1. Idea: could set up meeting at Burrard station
    c. What do we need from Aakriti to transfer planning to current WiCS members?
    d. Dawn will email Jane and gets back to us next week
        i. Potentially many students interested, especially those seeking co-op
        ii. Prioritize among wics members
12. $.$
    a. Requesting funding from CS School
    b. ChicTech account update
    c. Switching accounts debate
13. Communications
    a. Remember to update WiCS calendar!
    b. Maillists
        i. Can we add wics@sfu.ca to the wics-exec maillist?
        ii. Should we do anything about cmpt-women or older maillists?
            1. Make them unsearchable?

        iii. Is it time to change the secret knock?
        iv. WiCS Gmail account
        v. Access to send to cs-students or cmpt-students
14. Meeting Minutes
    a. Should we add minutes/links for CSSS, Diversity Committee, WiE meetings?
    b. Need to upload all minutes to website (last December meeting not there)
    c. 2017 minutes don't need login to access?
    d. Dawn wants access to WiCS website
15. WiCS Board
    a. Anyone want to decorate?
    b. Alumni stories
16. WiCS Website
    a. Shutting down old website
        i. Collect all relevant info/meeting minutes from old website
    b. Alumni stories
    c. Reach out to person who wanted to do webdev
17. Constitution
    a. Proposed amendments:
        i. Make the "i" in "WiCS" lowercase
        ii. Create specifics about elections and exec expectations
        iii. Update exec positions and roles
        iv. Draw clearer boundaries between WiCS and WiE members
18. Media
    a. CJSF feminist radio show
19. Open Floor
20. Applications open for Grace Hopper conference

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 pm